

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) Gelled feed product comprising raw materials of animal or marine origin, ~~including offals~~, 0.5-5 weight% alginate or pectin, a calcium source, and standard feed ingredients ~~such as proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, coloring agents etc.,~~

~~characterized in that wherein~~ the product contains 80-98 weight% fish or animal raw material pre-treated with at least one member selected from the group consisting of KOH, ~~and/or~~ NaOH, KHCO₃, K₂CO₃, NaHCO₃, Na₂CO₃ and ~~or~~ (NH₄)₂CO₃.

2. (Currently amended) The gelled ~~Gelled~~ feed product according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the product contains 0-10 weight% fish meal or carbohydrates.

3. (Currently amended) The gelled ~~Gelled~~ feed product according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the product is pellets with a diameter of 15 mm and ~~has~~ a gel strength of 100-400, measured as force in grams to compress the pellets 2mm by a 25 mm cylinder.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Means for making gelled feed products comprising raw~~ Raw materials of animal or marine origin, ~~including offals~~, pre-treated with at least one member selected from the group consisting of KOH, ~~and/or~~ NaOH, KHCO₃, K₂CO₃, Na₂CO₃, NaHCO₃ ~~or~~ and (NH₄)₂CO₃ in amounts sufficient for giving said raw materials a pH of 8-12.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for manufacturing gelled feed products comprising mixing raw materials of marine or animal origin, ~~comprising offals~~, alginate or pectin, ~~and~~ a calcium source, and standard feed ingredients, particulating said mixture into any useful geometrical shape, ~~whereupon it is exposed~~ and exposing the particulated mixture to acid treatment in a bath for performing gelling,

~~characterized in that wherein the there is applied~~ raw materials are pre-treated with at least one member selected from the group consisting of KOH, ~~and/or~~ NaOH, KHCO₃, K₂CO₃, NaHCO₃,

Na₂CO₃, ~~or and~~ (NH₄)₂CO₃ prior to ~~addition of~~ adding the alginate or pectin ~~whereupon the resulting mixture is formed into desired shape and then treated in an acid bath to form the gelled product.~~

6. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the there is applied an acid bath having~~ has a pH of 0.5-5.5.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ gelling in the acid bath is performed for 30 seconds to 12 hours.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the there is applied an acid bath containing~~ contains formic acid.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ calcium source is ~~added to the acid bath, preferably as~~ CaCl₂.

10. (New) The gelled feed product according to claim 1, wherein the standard feed ingredients are selected from the group consisting of proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, and coloring agents.

11. (New) The gelled feed product according to claim 1, wherein the raw materials of animal or marine origin comprise offals.

12. (New) The raw materials of animal or marine origin according to claim 4, comprising offals pre-treated with at least one member selected from the group consisting of KOH, NaOH, KHCO₃, K₂CO₃, Na₂CO₃, NaHCO₃ and (NH₄)₂CO₃ in amounts sufficient for giving said offals a pH of 8-12.

13. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein the raw materials of animal or marine origin comprise offals.